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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of the application.

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A reference relevant to the examination of this application may soon become available. *Ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Margaret Einsmann whose telephone number is (703) 308-3826.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday and alternate Fridays from 7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

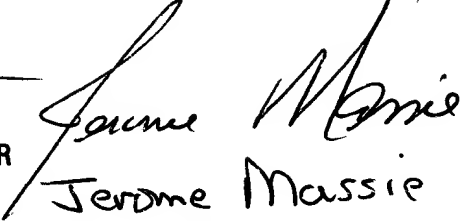
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.


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DETAILED ACTION

1. A reference relevant to the examination of this application may soon become available. *Ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

2. As applicant has amended the present specification to claim priority to the parent applications of Serial No. 08/539,001, the issues concerning priority of this application have been resolved. Furthermore, the following rejections are withdrawn in view of the amendment to the priority data:

- The rejection of claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 14, 15, 17 and 19 as being unpatentable over WO 90/12849 to Jolley;

- The rejection of claims 1-22 as being unpatentable over WO 90/12849 to Jolley, in view of Japanese patent 62-292,895 to Kohashi et al or German patent 133,966 to Schmidt et al; and

- The rejection of claims 1-22 as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 5,202,044 to Hagihara et al.

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3. Also, the submission of the four terminal disclaimers has overcome all of the rejections involving the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christine Skane whose telephone number is (703) 308-2526.

The examiner can normally be reached between about 8:00 AM and about 6:00 PM, E.S.T., Monday through Thursday, as well as alternate Fridays. The fax numbers for this Technology Center are:

- a. **(703)305-3599 -- FOR AFTER-FINAL FAXES ONLY**, and
- b. **(703)305-7718 -- FOR ALL OTHER OFFICIAL FAXES**. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of the application should be directed to the Tech. Center receptionist at (703)308-0661.



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